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by the practices of a mercenary hospital, or else give up the work entirely.

Nursing has become a great profession, and we who are in it, and of it, should see that it stands the highest tests of criticism. To do this we must first raise the standard of the training schools, make them institutions of learning, and not places of peonage. Second, we should debar the unqualified nurse from practicing in the state, and enlighten would-be-applicants on the subject of requirements and the importance of choosing a school of high standing. Last, but by no means least, inform the laity of the sub-standard nurse and ask their coöperation in bringing about this much needed reform.

If the hospitals must use their pupil nurses for special cases, let it be done in the proper way, and always in the hospital under the eyes of the teachers, for a period not to exceed four months, better less, in their senior year, the proceeds to be spent on improvements for the training school or some other worthy cause. When we have done this, there will still be many things to be desired in the way of improvements, but we will have made a long stride toward putting the training schools on the proper basis.

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#### PATENT MEDICINE RAID ON CHINA

The National Tuberculosis Association is greatly concerned in the recent action of the United States Department of Commerce in recommending China to American patent medicine concerns as a good field in which to develop their interests. This is the attitude taken in the Department's Special Consular Report No. 76 by one branch of the United States Government, virtually placing itself on record as promoting the sale of patent medicines.

The National Association voices its criticism in these words:

*Resolved*, that the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis condemns such action on the part of the United States Department of Commerce, and that the Executive Secretary be instructed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Secretary of said Department, urging that hereafter the influence of the United States Government should not be used in support of the patent medicine business.

The enormity of this business is shown in the estimates made by the National Association. The annual income from patent medicines is placed at \$20,000,000; the profit at about \$10,000,000. The list of tuberculosis remedies includes more than five hundred specifics, so it is easy to understand that a large part of this sum must come from ignorant consumptives. Since all reliable medical authorities agree that there is no drug or specific cure for tuberculosis, this waste is most deplorable.

China has not yet recovered from the effects of the opium habit which was foisted upon it by Western civilization. While this people is still in the throes of reorganization upon a more intelligent and democratic basis, it is particularly undesirable to foist upon it this new evil.